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**REMARKS**

Both of the presently submitted references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 and F2, are not in English.

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**Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

A concise explanation of the relevance of each of Cite Nos. F1 and F2 is incorporated into the specification in the present application at paragraphs [0003] and [0004], respectively.

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Furthermore, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 and F2, which are published Japanese patent applications, are readily available to the Applicant through Patent Abstracts of Japan on the Japanese Patent Office website. Attached to the front of each reference, a copy of the corresponding English version of the abstract is being further submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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